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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 4 January 1980

The Director chaired the meeting which opened with a brief exchange of concerns re actions underway to replenish and even increase the Agency's Reserve level in order to deal effectively and with more flexibility against near term contingencies. Focus was given, for example, to the possibility of Defense reprogramming (replacement via Defense Supplemental), best approaches to the Congress for approval, and a strategy for seeking approval to reprogram multiyear funds. The Director asked that Lipton and [ ] examine alternatives and advise. (Action: Comptroller and Legislative Counsel) [ ]

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The Director expressed his pleasure with an SCC decision today to move for repeal of the Hughes-Ryan Amendment. Relatedly, the Director focused on omnibus legislation for intelligence improvements and he asked attendees to review their respective areas of responsibility over the next couple of days in search of other significant factors which inhibit operational effectiveness. He said these should be added to current items of special interest, e.g., Identities Legislation, FOIA, etc. A brief discussion followed on best approaches re legislation and Executive Order amendments. The Director said he wants to be confident that no inhibiting factors will surface months from now which should be addressed today. (Action: Legislative Counsel) [ ]

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Lehman reported our Embassy in Moscow has advised that continued deterioration in U.S.-USSR relations may induce the Soviets to apply pressure in Berlin. Mr. Carlucci noted this was discussed at the President's NSC meeting on 2 January. In response to the Director's query [ ] Lehman responded this is not needed now and added that we are likely to detect quickly any of a variety of such Soviet pressures re Berlin. [ ]

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Hetu reported on a one-hour visit yesterday by CBS television representatives re CBS' preparation of a one-hour television feature on intelligence to be aired in April. Hetu said an on-site filming schedule has been worked out which will minimize disruptions and security problems; most filming will be accomplished on Saturday and Sunday, 12-13 January. [ ]

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May reported Don Wortman was on sick leave today. [ ]

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The Director said his initial briefing on the worldwide situation to Congress will be presented to the House Armed Services Committee on 24 January and that we need to get moving on the preparations. Hineman said a first outline and some substantive pieces will be available by next weekend. The Director noted he hopes to be able to take time off from 16-20 January and would appreciate receiving the material by then.

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The Director said his initial presentation to Congress on the FY 1981 budget is scheduled for early February and that he expects his explanation of the budget to be less complicated than was necessary a year ago; he said he will include emphasis on intelligence improvement legislation. [ ]

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The Director announced that the SCC will not meet on Iran tomorrow.

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